IN THE SPECIFICATION

1. Replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 21 with the following paragraph:

The step of detecting whether the cover is present on the game ticket preferably includes providing a cover sensor output. In some forms of the invention, the cover sensor output is interpreted to produce a logical signal, that is, either a logical high-level output or a low-level output. The sensor output may be produced by any suitable sensor such as an optical sensor or a magnetic sensor for example.

2. Replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 18 with the following paragraph:

The game ticket cover 51 includes a feature 53, which, in the form of the invention shown in FIG. 3C, comprises a dark stripe running lengthwise along the exposed side of the cover material. This feature 53 is adapted to be detected by cover sensor 25 described above with reference to the player station shown in FIG. 2. More particularly, cover sensor 25 is in position to detect feature 53 in the event ticket 40 is inserted into the ticket reader 24 shown in FIG. 2 with cover 51 still in place on the ticket. Thus, processor 20 associated with player station 17 in FIG. 2 may use the output from cover sensor 25 in determining if the ticket 40 has been inserted with the cover 51 still attached. With ticket 40 inserted into reader 24, an output from sensor 25 produced in response to the presence of feature 53 indicates that cover 51 is still present on ticket 40. On the other hand, an output of sensor 25 produced in response to the absence of feature 53 (with ticket 40 inserted into reader 24) indicates that game ticket cover 51 had has been removed.

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3. Replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 16 with the following paragraph:

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Many different types of sensors may be used for sensor 25 within the scope of the present invention. The particular type of sensor employed for sensor 25 will dictate the nature of the feature used on the ticket or ticket cover as described above using the example features 53 and 54. For example, a solid dark or nonreflective surface making up feature 53 or 54 may be detected by an optical sensor that is adapted to detect light reflected from a light source. The dark, nonreflective surface of feature features \$3 and 54 reflects little light from a light source and the absence of reflected light causes the sensor to produce a particular output. The detection of a certain level of reflected light indicates that the feature 53 or 54 is not present or obscured by a more light reflective material. In preferred forms of the invention employing an optical sensor for sensor 25, the optical sensor itself produces an analog voltage signal output that corresponds to the level of light picked up by the sensor. This analog output is communicated to processor 20 which has the ability to interpret the analog signal and convert the signal to a digital signal. That is, an analog output from the sensor in one range is interpreted as a high level logical signal and an output in another range is interpreted as a low level logical signal. The resulting logical signal is then acted upon in the process of either enabling or disabling the display of results at the player station 17.

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